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## Chicago Tastes Of Anarchy

Fighting and Rioting Is Ficer  
Than Ever In Business  
Sections.

Cowardly Strikers Shoot and  
Club Single Men on the  
Streets.

Bands of Hoodlums Parade the  
Thoroughfares Assaulting  
Unprotected.

CHICAGO, May 2.—Fighting and rioting fiercer than on any previous day of the teamsters' strike was carried on in the business section of the city today. Stones, clubs and knives were used with apparent abandon and an accurate account of the injured cannot be obtained. As far as known, one man was killed during the day. In the fight near the Auditorium hotel his skull was fractured and he was taken to a hospital, where he died. His name was Charles Heide. The strikers and their sympathizers attacked the non-union men at every opportunity, mauling them down with stones, clubs and knives. The manufacturers held a meeting today and decided not to grant the demands of the strikers and called upon the sheriff to furnish deputies tomorrow, when an attempt will be made to resume work. The strikers are in an ugly mood and trouble is feared.

One Thousand Police Sworn in

The team owners' association, which employs none but union teamsters, flatly refused today to make deliveries to any of the firms involved in the strike when ordered to do so by the employers' association. Pressure was brought to bear upon business houses with which the teamsters had contracted. The teamsters' leaders said they would not attempt to deliver cargo to any firm where their own men would go out. One thousand police were sworn in today upon the announcement by the employers' association that they would move 1,850 wagons tomorrow manned by non-union drivers. Strikers' Outrageous Acts

Store employees burdened with bundles are stopped, and their parcels taken from them and torn open and searched by pickets and union sympathizers to see if they are attempting to deliver goods to customers or carrying their own property to their homes. After assuring the pickets that the contents of the bundles belong to them, they are not disturbed further.

In one instance a hired carriage was stopped in Wabash avenue and the occupant, a woman shopper, compelled to get out and walk. She was caught with her hands full of bundles as she was about to step into a cab in State street. The cab driver was warned not to take her as a fare. Undaunted, the shopper walked to another corner, where she hailed a second cab. Again she was stopped by the union sympathizers. Finally she boarded a street car.

Coal Supply Short

The need for coal is rapidly developing into one of the most important factors of the teamsters' strike. With the exception of one or two big houses, the supply of fuel on hand in State street averages from two to four days. John G. Fetzer, receiver of the Union Tract Co., speaking of the scarcity of coal, said: "In several of our stations unless we get coal in twenty-four hours we will have to close down."

NOTED STALLION SOLD.

London, May 2.—The Sportsman states that the stallion Maclou, by St. Simon, out of Mint, has been sold to Sulzberger of Germany for \$50,000.

FRANCHISES PAY TRIBUTE.

New York Receives Handsome Check  
From Subway Company.

New York, May 2.—Comptroller Grout today received from the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. a check for \$256,000, the city's percentage of the earnings of the subway for the first five months of its operation. The comptroller estimates that when the subway is completed the city will receive a yearly rental of about \$1,500,000.

THE KISHINEFF MASSACRES.

Editor of Anti-Semitic Journal Revives His Publication.

Kishineff, Russia, May 2.—The Drouot (meaning "friend") the new paper of M. Kroushavetz, the former editor of the Kroushavetz, has appeared here. Kroushavetz was editor of the anti-Semitic organ in Kishineff, the Bessarabetz, the articles in which it has been charged, were largely responsible for the massacre of Jews in Kishineff in 1903.

GERMAN EMPEROR'S VISIT.

Von Buelow Explains His Majesty's Call on Moroccan Sultan.

Paris, May 2.—In the course of an interview, Count Von Buelow, the German chancellor, informed the "Gaulois" (Bulldog) correspondent that Emperor William had to "tangle" shortly towards France; that Germany commerce with Morocco is extending daily and that it was purely to safeguard the interests of his subjects that the Emperor undertook the cruise of the Mediterranean.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE SCANDAL.

Philadelphia Policy-holders Intervene in Present Suit.

New York, May 2.—Petitions were filed in the United States circuit court in this city today by three Philadelphia policy holders of the Equitable Life Assurance Co., for permission to life in the suit brought by J. Wilcox Brown asking that a receiver be appointed for the Equitable Society and for an accounting to the society by the directors and officers. The men who ask the right to intervene are Dr. Edward T. Montgomery of Philadelphia, president of the Equitable amounting to \$152,500; T. Ashby Blythe of Philadelphia, with policies amounting to \$38,500, and Howard B. Garrison of Philadelphia, whose policies amount to \$2,000.

Lawyers Battle and Marshall today issued a statement giving notice of the petitions to intervene and notice to policy holders of the Equitable that they were in accordance with the statement of Henry C. Fricke, that the Equitable Society is solvent.

## UNION OF SQUADRONS MAY 5.

Russian Fleets to Join Forces in Morning.

London, May 2.—The Telegraph's Tokio correspondent says:

"It is stated here that the whole of the second and third Russian Pacific squadrons will join forces on the morning of May 5.

"The fifth native loan (\$50,000,000) has been oversubscribed five times, and the financial position now permits of a resumption of the construction of the Central railway through Japan, which was stopped at the beginning of the war."

BRICK MAKERS ON STRIKE.

Poughkeepsie Workers Quit Work and Make a Demonstration.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 2.—Over 1,200 striking bricklayer employees, who quit work yesterday, made another demonstration today, marching from Duchess Junction to Chelsea on the New York Central tracks, armed with clubs and preventing all work from being resumed at thirteen yards in the district. The manufacturers held a meeting today and decided not to grant the demands of the strikers and called upon the sheriff to furnish deputies tomorrow, when an attempt will be made to resume work. The strikers are in an ugly mood and trouble is feared.

WARSAW, May 2.—(9:15 p. m.)

The May day death roll totalled 62, including ten persons

who died in the hospitals during the night. Probably 200 were wounded.

Crowds gathered at the tenth district police station this morning where thirty victims, men and women and three children, were awaiting identification.

Some minor disturbances occurred today in different sections of the city, but no serious incidents have been reported. All day long infantry and cavalry patrolled the streets, which were crowded with people who did not spare their horses of what was generally termed unnecessary slaughter. The popular citizen is most bitter against the military and government officials expect many attempts at revenge upon the officers commanding the troops, all of whom are known. The Polish

Press is Silent

on the subject of yesterday's happenings. The official Russian paper prints a short and entirely inaccurate report.

The Governor-General of Warsaw is said to be greatly upset by the turn of affairs.

The nationalists have arranged the usual demonstrations for tomorrow, the 11th anniversary of the proclamation of the Polish constitution, and disturbances are highly probable. The working-class are in an ugly and uncertain mood.

The workers at yesterday's factories struck today and their efforts are being made to bring about a general strike, but this is not likely to be successful. The peasants have not yet recovered from the exhaustion and losses resulting from the last strike.

Reports Conflict

Regarding the beginning of yesterday's encounter in Jersusalem street, according to the most generally accepted version, the authorities had forbidden workmen marching in procession to carry red flags, but the workmen decided to ignore the order. When the procession reached Jersusalem street the police ordered the workmen to stop, but they refused to do so and a police officer thereupon fired a revolver, giving a signal for the infantry to fire. It appears that in other cases the demonstrators were the aggressors, but that in this instance the soldiers fired first.

The industrial population are deeply exasperated over the sanguinary results of yesterday's encounters. The strikes inaugurated on a large scale here, in Lodz and other cities, are rapidly spreading and 75,000 persons are on strike at Lodz, Cossacks are patrolling the streets of Warsaw by companies on account of the danger to smaller detachments.

Crowd Demands Their Dead

A great crowd was gathered today in front of the police station to which the corpses of those killed on Monday had been taken, demanding the bodies of the dead, but the crowd was dispersed by Cossacks.

According to an official statement, the dead, not including those of the wounded, who died in hospitals, numbered 31. The majority of the dead were working people.

In Lodz, according to an official statement, four women were killed.

FRENCH NEUTRALITY.

Paris, May 2.—Secretary Kentaro, of the Japanese legion, denies the report

that he called upon Foreign Minister Delcasse yesterday relative to the neutrality of France in Far Eastern waters.

IT STRIKES AT DUELS.

Urge Bill to Punish Unfaithful Husbands and Wives.

Berlin, May 2.—The anti-dueling

law is endeavoring to strike at the causes of duels, and urges the government to support a bill providing for the punishment of unfaithful husbands and wives with imprisonment of from six to 24 months; punishing persons who unsuccessfully assert that a woman has been unfaithful to her husband; punishing with imprisonment, instead of by a fine alone, a man who insults another or who libels him, and treating killing in a duel as murder, and all who participate in a duel as criminals under the ordinary code.

KILLED BY STUMPING MACHINE.

David Clark Receives a Terrible Blow at Farnie.

Farnie, B. C., May 2.—David Clark, an old timer of Farnie, was fatally injured while removing stumps with a stumping machine. The wide "sweep" was drawn very taut by the team of horses and the pin was put in to hold it in place. After the horses were removed the pin gave way and the sweep struck Mr. Clark a terrible blow, driving him a whole revolution before it came to a stop. The pelvic bones were horribly shattered and internal injuries of a fatal nature were inflicted. The injured man died today, after suffering terrible agony. He was 55 years old and leaves a widow.

ON MANITOBA SCHOOL DISPUTE.

Sbarretti, Delegate at Ottawa, Reports to the Pope.

Rome, May 2.—The Vatican has received from Mgr. Sbarretti, the apostolic delegate at Ottawa, a full report concerning his alleged interference in the Manitoba boundary extension. Mgr. Sbarretti gives the most detailed particulars of the whole affair, denying emphatically that he had any understanding with Premier Laurier or other members of the Canadian government to have the Catholic school question connected with the extension of the boundaries of Manitoba.

He only admits that he met Attorney General Campbell of Manitoba and discussed with him the best means of ameliorating the educational system in connection with Catholics, and also in the Territories, where Catholics are entitled to have separate schools.

Cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal secretary of state, took the report to the Pope, and they had a long discussion on the subject.

TO EXCLUDE UNDESIRABLES.

Home Secretary Aker-Douglas said

the bill aimed to exclude only undesirable aliens. He described the excellent deterrent effects of the American

immigration law and disclaimed any anti-Semitic tendency on the part of the British government.

Colonel Balfour pointed out the

moderation of the bill, which he main

tained did not interfere with the right

of asylum of political and religious

refugees was illusory.

Charles P. Trevelyan (Liberal) in

seconding Sir Charles Dilke's motion

for the rejection of the alien

bill, referred to the "universal sym

pathy with the oppressed, mis-govern

ed Russian people, who are trying from

their country to escape conscription for the universally detested war in Manchuria."

William Evans-Godwin (Conservat

ive) in defending the bill, said those

who were opposed to the measure

claimed that the similar American law

was ineffective, but the ineffectiveness

of the American law must be measured

not so much by its effects at the ports

of arrival, but at the ports of origin.

The number of aliens rejected on their

arrival in America was nothing when

compared with the numbers who re

turned by the ship companies

To Exclude Undesirables.

Permission to Examine Certain of the

## ALL ABOARD FOR THE GORGE

On and after Friday, May 5th a half-hour service will be given to the Gorge. Take the E quimalt cars, leaving Yates St., at the hour and half hour. Cars leave the Gorge for city at 25 and 55 minutes past the hour.

## B. C. Electric Railway Co., Ltd.

### Melrose Nursery Rhyme.

NO. 1.

#### "Little Miss Muffet."

Little Miss Muffet  
Sat on tuffet  
Eating a bale of hay;  
She also drank cider,  
And so frightened the spider  
That he spun no web that day.

Little Miss Muffet  
Painted the tuffet  
Three years ago last May.  
She makes no complaint  
For she used Melrose Paint,  
And the colors are bright to this day.

Little Miss Muffet  
Auctioned that tuffet;  
The bidding ran fierce and high.  
Melrose colors are good  
For tuffets or wood,  
And all were anxious to buy.

All of which goes to prove that if you wish to realize a good price when selling anything you should first give it a coat of Melrose Liquid Paint.

## The Melrose Co., Ltd

78 Fort Street.

40 Fort Street.

### News Letter From World's Metropolis

Interesting Budget of Gossip  
by a London Correspondent.

Death of Man Who Caused the  
Boer War—Naval Notes.

From Our Own Correspondent.

London, April 13.—The Irish Times, in a leading article, draws a strong comparison between the push of the Canadian traders and manufacturers, who widely advertise their wares and their achievements, which turn out good work but neglect to push it, and advises them to take a leaf out of the Dominion people's book. This is a decided compliment to Canadian commercial enterprise, push and energy.

Five Years "Penal" for Throwing a Bottle.

An apparently trivial offence for so heavy a sentence, yet that was what Mr. Recorder Atherton passed on John Jones at Leeds today. Jones had just been sentenced to 18 months imprisonment for stealing cigarettes, when he drew a quart bottle from his pocket and hurled it at the head of the learned recorder, who "ducked" and evaded the missile. The recorder expressed some surprise that Jones, who is only 19, had not been searched by the police, and sentenced him to five years penal servitude.

Political.

Mr. Balfour will bring in his Redistribution Bill after the Easter recess. In effect the bill is intended to cut down the over representation of Ireland by some 30 seats, and give the same number additionally to England. The galling anomalies in parliamentary representation have already been shown up in these notes.

In view of that bill the government has no intention to dissolve this year. The government can sufficiently work the oracle in the redistribution of seats so as to give itself a better chance when it dissolves and appeals to the country.

King Edward Has No Politics.

In reply to your letter I beg to inform you that the Sovereign of this country has no politics, and that he looks upon Conservatives and Liberals as being equally loyal to the Crown, the Constitution and the Empire." Such was the reply which Lord Knollys, King Edward's private secretary, sent to a correspondent who wanted to know if the King desired it to be understood that to be a Conservative was to be on the King's side.

Naval and Military.

The next cruise of the Fourth Cruiser Squadron under Vice-Admiral D. H. Bosanquet, will be to Sweden and Norway.

The turbine cruiser Amethyst, Commander A. H. Williamson, has replaced the cruiser Heron in the Atlantic fleet. The Army Council has approved of the extension for another year of the tentative reduction of from eleven to nine years of the qualifying service for promotion to captain in the Royal Engineers.

From Cabby to Baronet.

Among the passengers by the Orient and Pacific Mail steamship Ortona,

WHOOPING COUGH.

The quick relief afforded by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in cases of whooping cough makes it a favorite with the mothers of small children. It liquifies the tough mucus, making it easier to expectorate, keeps the cough loose and counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy has been used in many epidemics of whooping cough and always with perfect success. There is no danger whatever from the disease when it is freely given. It contains nothing injurious and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by all druggists.

## POMMERY

In France and Great Britain Where Champagne  
Values are Fixed by Quality.

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SOLE AGENTS FOR CANADA.

## Western Pacific Scheme Outlined

Phenomenal Success Attends Floating of Fifty Millions Bonds.

Will Be Welcomed by All Territory From Mississippi to Rockies.

New York, May 2.—The underwriting of the new Western Pacific bonds has been one of the most remarkable pieces of financing in recent years. The total amount of the bonds is \$50,000,000. It is stated that the subscriptions came from all over the world.

Salmon & Co., of New York, placed a tremendous amount of them abroad, mostly in Germany. The Deutsche Bank of Berlin bid for a block of nearly \$10,000,000, of which it gets only a part. A syndicate of English bankers also put in a bid for a large amount, said to be \$15,000,000, which it is intended to place in the hands of the English investment class. The bankers here were very willing to give this syndicate the full amount of their bid, but did not do so on account of the general interest in the loan.

The reason for this general interest in a perfectly new and unknown project is said to be the fact that the world is at present practically bare of underwriting of this class. This result is intended to be a true line for heavy traffic.

There is a general revolt against the Harriman monopoly. The whole rail-road world between the Mississippi river and the Rocky Mountains will back this proposition, either actual or with trifle.

Inception of Project

The project took form in 1901, but was not tangible until the next year. The preliminary surveys laid out a route 840 miles long and with grades of a maximum of 2 per cent. It is said that one of the most powerful backers of the new project today offered to come in and assist on condition that the 2 per cent. could be cut down to 1½ per cent. The second survey reduced the gradients to a maximum of 1 per cent. The result was the assistance of this man, who has tremendous influence, both here and abroad, and whose influence has been one of the most potent factors in the initial stages of the undertaking.

In 1902 the company was organized with \$50,000,000 of bonds and \$50,000,000 of stocks. It bought in four or five small companies, one of which gave it a shore line in San Francisco. To do this required about \$4,000,000, which was kindly loaned to it by the Missouri Pacific interests. At this time George Gould was busy denying that he had anything to do with it. His denial was reiterated so often that every one in Wall street thoroughly believed that he owned the road. This is the way with George Gould, as it was with Jay Gould in the olden days.

Cost of Proposed Line

The entire cost of the line is expected to run below \$35,000,000 for building and bridging and about \$15,000 per mile for the rest of the work, including great terminals on San Francisco bay. Already there are outstanding \$6,000,000 of bonds issued to build these terminals, and these bonds will be included under the \$50,000,000 mortgage. Work is to be rushed on the new line.

It is expected and hoped that before the end of 1908 the project will begin to earn money as a local line, though the whole system will not, of course, be in operation by that time.

London's Appetite.

A remarkable return just issued, deals in some striking statistical details of London at table. According to this paper no less than 413,190 tons of produce was conveyed into the markets during the past year, and the receipts from all sources amounted to £136,757.

An important fact is that 25.75 per cent were products of the United Kingdom, and the balance was of colonial or foreign origin. In the fruit and vegetable section no fewer than 2,699 packages of watercresses were received, while the fish delivered totalled 2,229 tons.

On the tolls paid at the markets, the railway companies and carriers contributed £28,809, salesmen and slaughterers £17,313, and the weighbridges, 19,963.

DENSE FOG AIDS THE RUSSIANS.

Hongkong, May 2.—It is reported that a squadron of Japanese cruisers has been sighted cruising in the China Sea north of Luzon. They are believed to be waiting for the Russians. Dense fog still prevails off the coast and are seriously interfering with navigation.

This fact is believed here to be advantageous to the Russians, as they will be able to do so, and also they are, for the present, immune from attack by Japanese destroyers and torpedo boats.

INSURRECTION IN CRETE.

Rome, May 2.—A report from Crete, which wishes to unite with Greece, says the situation in that island is very grave.

The insurrection having taken the character of brigand methods with theft, murder, incendiarism and outrages upon women. The local force being quite inadequate to cope with the situation—indeed, eight gendarmes have already been killed—Prince George himself has asked Italy and other protective powers to adopt energetic measures and send a battalion to check the insurrection, which only nominally has for its object union of the island with Greece. The representatives of the protective powers have decided to use force to maintain the status quo.

TO PREVENT THE GRIP.

Laxative Bromo Quinine, the world-wide Cold and Grip remedy, removes the cause, call for the full name and look for signature of E. W. Grove, 25c.

MARIE CAHILL IN A RAGE.

Star in Light Opera Fusses With Orchestra Leader.

New York, May 2.—Marie Cahill, a member of the company which has been presenting "It Happened in Nordland," at Lew Fields' theatre, did not go with the company when it left here for Boston tonight. It seems certain she is out of the show. This is the result of a lot of squabbling, accounts of which have reached the public ever since Miss Cahill joined Fields' company.

The trouble reached a climax Saturday night, when the audience was obliged to witness a disagreeable wordy conflict between Miss Cahill and the orchestra leader. Finally Miss Cahill left the stage, but returned, and, taking the audience into her confidence, said she would finish the interrupted song without orchestral accompaniment. After the performance, Miss Cahill said she would not go on the road with the show, and she did not.

Miss Cahill was a star before she joined the Fields' company, and it appears she was disposed to have her own way and ignore the show in the matter of the songs she would sing. She also has endeavored to involve Victor Herbert in her trouble. Herbert wrote the music of "It Happened in Nordland." He says the cause of Miss Cahill's unhappiness is that she can't always sing on the key.

DAM GUARD KILLED.

After Year's Watch With Rifle Guard is Shot.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 2.—A special despatch from Chippewa Falls, Wis., says: It is reported that John Dietz, who has guarded the Cameron dam on the Thornapple river with a rifle for the last year, was killed today. Both Dietz and the Mississippi Logging Co. claim the ground on which the dam stands. Particulars of the fight have not been received.

ONLY GIRL BABIES IN CARSON.

Of fifty-five births recorded during last year in Carson City, Nevada, one was a male, while in Washington, King, one was a male, while in the London Lancet. The causes underlying the differences in sex (if, in fact, there are any causes other than chance) are not, only matters of great interest, but of importance as well. Carson City, where this extraordinary proportion of female births occurred, has in its population a much greater proportion of males than almost any other city in the States, it being a Western mining town. Can it be that this is an effort of nature to correct the ratio? If so, has this circumstance been observed elsewhere?

## Russians Ready For a Stand

Have Occupied Position Along Line Between Kirin and Changchun.

Japanese Newspapers Confident of Togo's Victory in Expected Battle.

According to mail advices from the theatre of war, it appears that the Russians are concentrating on the Kirin-Changchun line, and are laying a light railway between the two places, a distance of sixty miles. Prior to the battle of Mukden they had already made some preparations to hold the line, and they are now determined to essay the defence on a large scale, as they have assembled about 100,000 troops there. They expect large reinforcements from Russia, but in Japanese military circles there is evidently an impression that a strong army could not be utilized on the Kirin-Changchun line, and that the main object of making stand would be to gain time for constructing defences at Harbin.

The latest movements of the Japanese troops, as officially reported, mean simply that the three columns—the Kuan-yuan column, the Fukumon column and the Changtu column—have manoeuvred so as to establish touch with each other, and that they will now advance with an even front. The Russians are not present offering any resistance to this advance. It is plain that Linscott is sending his self to reconnoisseances with small bodies of men, who have not even the duty of rear-guards to perform. The army of Kawamura, still working on the extreme right, is assisting in the advance, which is similar to that before Mukden.

With regard to the expected naval battle all the Japanese vernacular papers welcome the coming of Rojestvensky's fleet, and express full confidence in Togo's squadron when the battle is given. The Asahi says that all the Russians are now probably convinced of the inferiority of Rojestvensky's squadron to Togo's. It is thought, therefore, that the Russian squadron now in the East will avoid decisive battle as far as possible and will make efforts to proceed to Vladivostok.

The Jiji thinks that the plan of the Russian squadron is probably to try a decisive battle to obtain the supremacy on the sea. The Tokio paper expects that when the Russian squadron makes further advance north the Vladivostok squadron will emerge from the harbor to do mischief on the merchant marine in order to divert the Japanese squadron and enable Rojestvensky's squadron to enter Vladivostok.

NEWS OF GRAND FORKS.

Seeking Farming Lands in Vicinity of Mining Centre.

Grand Forks, April 29.—Mrs. L. E. Burge, of Oregon, accompanied by her son, arrived here a couple of days ago for the purpose of purchasing farming lands in this vicinity. They are at present inspecting several tracts of ideal farming land.

W. T. Hunter, the Greenwood merchant, was visiting here yesterday.

Provincial Constable Darragh of Eholth paid an official visit here yesterday.

John Rogers, of the mining department of the Granby smelter, left here this morning with a force of miners to open up some new properties near Eholth, recently acquired by his company.

The employees of the Granby smelter on the occasion of the departure of Dr. E. B. Northrop presented him yesterday with a handsome silver loving cup, which was suitably inscribed. The presentation was made by Miles Barrett, foreman at the smelter. In making this presentation, Mr. Barrett referred to the doctor's good fellowship and sterling qualities and the valuable services he had rendered all the employees of the company. Dr. Northrop in reply made a suitable speech. It is understood that Mrs. Northrop will also be presented with a suitable present to be selected by herself. Dr. Northrop leaves at once for Spokane to practice his profession.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

St. Thomas, May 2.—Mrs. Benjamin Colville, arrested in connection with the murder of Elizabeth Lowery, has been lodged in the county jail here to await the opening of the case before Magistrate Hunt on Thursday.

DEADLY WHISKEY.

Orillia, Ont., May 2.—The jury has returned a verdict that Russell Penley, eleven years old, died last Thursday from the effects of whiskey in possession of Samuel Symington, the attorney.

HAPPENINGS IN MANITOBA.

Winnipeg, May 2.—Capt. Charles E. Gamble of Selkirk died from injuries received Sunday from escaping steam on a tug.

The Canadian Pacific seedling report, issued today, shows that 95 per cent. of wheat seedling is finished. In some places grain is three and a half inches above ground. Barley and oats' seedling has commenced.

An attempt was made to destroy the property of the Roche Perce Mining Co., at Roche Perce, Assa, today. The storehouse was partially wrecked, but the outrage was discovered in time by William Sutherland, the mine superintendent. A dynamite charge did the damage.

The secretary of the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association has issued the following report on the wheat situation in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, dated May 1: Estimated yield, 59,557,100 bushels; inspected to date, 33,850,000; in store at country points, 5,550,000 bushels; marketed at Winnipeg, 22,000 bushels; in transit, not inspected, 200,000 bushels; total marketed, 40,170,000; allow for seed, 8,000,000; allow for country mills, 7,000,000; total, 53,120,000; balance to market, 4,737,190.

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IN THE CITY'S  
TROUBLE SHOP

Chinese Defend Themselves on Charge of Gambling—Playing Friendly Game.

Three and twenty Chinese overflowed from the dock in the police court yesterday when another session of the gambling case was held. The Chinese were gathered in at the raid on 40 Corcoran street.

The Chinese are defending themselves from the charge of being gamblers.

"No," said one of the accused, "it was merely a friendly game of cards."

Oh yes, there was a raid at the door. There was a kitty, too. It was necessary, said Chun Kuei. He was a laundryman and he rented the rooms, but didn't allow gambling. Oh, no.

He had a number of friends in—kind of a five hundred party, you know. They were playing dominoes. The buttons were used as chips, and a small percentage was taken to pay expenses, lighting, rent, etc.

No, the doors were not locked—he couldn't say why they were so strenuous, so like the stalwart walls of a castle. When the policemen came through the skylight, the men and women were breaking in and called to the men to lock the doors and keep them in.

He didn't think the fact suspicious that buttons were thrown into the stove when the police came. Players did that from time to time. As for the boards placed at the skylights, their office was to prevent cats from falling through.

No—fan-tan was never played in the house. Oh, no, indeed.

The case was further remanded.

A traveler happened to wander into the police court yesterday. There were twenty-four Chinese lined up before the magistrate. The majority had their queues wound about their heads; some had them dangling.

"Look at those Chinks with their queues up," said the traveler.

"What of that?" said the local man.

"What of it? Why, every Cantonese knows that to be a mark of disrespect. If a Chinaman came before a consular court or any court in China with his queue up he'd be taken out and bamoed."

But then Chinese take many liberties, with customs on this continent which would never be tolerated in their own land.

Louis Hathaway, who lives with a woman of the red light district, was charged with assaulting her in the police court yesterday. He and the woman quarreled and he beat her. She secured his arrest.

He asked for a remand in order to get counsel to defend him. The remand was granted.

J. Murphy was charged with being found drunk, which he admitted.

"I've been drinkin', all right," he said. "The gin got the best of me this time. But it's the last time it will."

He was fined \$6, which included costs.

The charge against John Ferguson of obtaining money under false pretences was withdrawn by permission of the attorney-general's department. Ferguson had sold his share in a business to Geo. J. Johnson, declaring the business to be debt free, but there was still money owing on the safe. Ferguson has since paid the amount of indebtedness to Johnson, who then asked permission to withdraw the charge.

## LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

Tuesday, May 2, 1905.

Before Hon. Mr. Justice Martin, Mr. Elliott obtained an order for probate of the will of J. G. Taylor, deceased, and a similar order was made on the application of Mr. E. J. Mallardine, deceased.

Mr. Eberts, K. C., applied for and obtained an order for administration in the matter of the estate of R. Farrell, deceased.

In Ward vs. Ward, (divorce), on the application of Mr. Elliott, the decree nisi granted at the trial, was made absolute.

Before Hon. Mr. Justice Morrison. The civil sittings of the Supreme court commenced today, with only three cases set down for hearing.

The petition of Hall vs. Hall (divorce), was, on the application of Mr. Child, withdrawn.

B. C. Corporation vs. Smith. In this case the defendant was sued as the executor of Ralph Craig, deceased, for principal and interest due in respect of a mortgage on the property in Nanaimo. Messrs. Pooley, Luxton & Pooley, solicitors for the plaintiff corporation, however, took judgment by consent of Mr. Higgins, for defendant, before the trial was called.

Before His Honor Judge Harrison. Morrison vs. Gent. Mr. Wootton

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Made an application for a new trial on the ground that certain evidence had come to light since the trial and which should have been presented. The application, which was opposed by Mr. Alex Martin, was refused, with costs.

Sayward vs. Dunsmuir and Toronto Silver Plate Co. vs. Dunsmuir. These actions arising out of certain claims in connection with the renovation of the Drillard hotel. The trials were yesterday, set down for Monday next.

Rev. W. G. Duce and Rev. vs. Wong Ah Lum. These two cases came up under the Speedy Trial Act. The accused, Ch. Duce, set up the plea of autre fois acquit, and as the point will probably take some time to argue, it was decided to proceed with the trial of Wong Ah Lum, in which some progress was made before adjournment.

The two trials are in reality retrials of the perjury cases arising out of the late Chinese murder trial, and the facts in connection with which have been already published at considerable length. Mr. Helmcken, K. C., is conducting the Crown side, and Mr. Fell is acting for the defence.

## THE CROFTON SMELTER.

Mr. Robinson of the Britannia Mines Acknowledges Its Purchase.

Mr. H. G. Robinson, managing director of the Britannia syndicate, when interviewed by a Vancouver News-Advertiser reporter stated that he had made a personal purchase of the Crofton smelter, and would run it in conjunction with the Britannia mines.

Asked if anyone else were interested in the smelter, Mr. Robinson replied: "No, I have bought it individually, and as soon as the mines are running will put in a crew to work it."

Mr. Robinson added that things were running along nicely at the mines, although the preparatory work would not be finished for some time yet. He expects, however, to have things running in full blast by July.

Asked if it was the intention of the company to use boats of its own to convey the ores to the smelter, Mr. Robinson replied: "No, it is not. I suppose a contract will have to be made with somebody, but with whom we don't know it."

Mr. Robinson has left for the Eastern States, where he hopes to make some further arrangements in connection with his enterprise.

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Many Eminent Presbyterian Divers Gather for Important Convention.

Last evening's session brought the first gathering of delegates to the Presbyterian synodical meeting, which opens this evening in the First Church here, and at which it is expected that upwards of twenty representative Presbyterian divines will be in attendance from all parts of this province, the Yukon and the Northwest generally. The regular sessions will be inaugurated with tonight's meeting at 8 o'clock, and will continue until Friday. The sessions of the Synod will be followed by the annual convention of the Synodical Theological Conference, which will preside over the meetings until Tuesday. All meetings of both the Synod and of the Conference will be open to the public and will be of noteworthy interest to everyone taking an active part in progressive church work. Rev. Dr. Milburn, of Toronto, moderator of the General Assembly for Canada, Rev. Dr. Bryce, whom he succeeded in this, the highest gift of his church; and other notable divines will attend their presence to the important gathering. The billet list as at present arranged is as follows:

Rev. J. S. Henderson, New Westminster, J. May, 71, View street.

Rev. H. J. Wilson, Vancouver, Mrs. Spring, Bellevue street.

Rev. R. Laird, Vancouver, Mrs. Fell, Cathcart Bay road.

Rev. W. C. Bok, Vancouver, Rev. A. Ewing.

Rev. W. C. Calder and wife, Revelstoke, Domville hotel.

Rev. W. M. Roger, Ashcroft, Mrs. Wood, 44 Henry street.

Rev. J. Macleod, Vancouver, J. MacLean, 44 Battery street.

Rev. J. Haste and wife, Bowden, Dominion hotel.

Rev. Gen. A. Wilson and wife, Vancouver, Cherry Bank.

Rev. J. L. Thomson, Vancouver, A. Tait, Oak Bay avenue.

Rev. J. D. Gillam, North Vancouver, Mrs. Black, Dallas road.

Rev. J. Logan and wife, Elburne, Mr. Forman, Rockland avenue.

Rev. Dr. Herdman, Calgary, Rev. W. L. Clay.

Rev. M. McKenna, Sooke, Rev. J. McCoy.

Rev. A. Forbes and wife, Port Saskatchewan, Mrs. Musson, 220 Johnson street.

Rev. P. Henderson, Clarenshore, D. Miller, Crescent.

Rev. Dr. McQueen, Edmonton, Mrs. Fraser, 2 Phoenix Place.

Rev. John Miller, Nanaimo, Mrs. Frank, Queen and Chatham streets.

Rev. Mr. Burton and wife, Steveston, Dominion hotel.

Rev. J. Ferguson, Didsbury, Rev. J. McCay.

Rev. G. Lang and wife, Olds, Dominion hotel.

Rev. A. W. Whitman and wife, Duncan, Mrs. Gilmour, 33 King's road.

Rev. A. Gordon, Lethbridge, J. B. McKittrick, Rockland avenue.

Rev. John Wood, Alberta, —.

Rev. W. A. Kitt, Morningside, Mrs. Lovell, 180 View street.

Rev. J. S. Short, Dewinton, J. A. Thompson, Sylvia street.

Rev. W. Taylor, New Westminster, J. B. McMilligan, Rockland avenue.

Rev. J. A. Clark and wife, Calgary, Mrs. Spring, Boulton street.

Rev. A. Calder, Fort Langley, A. Fraser, 55 Alford street.

Rev. D. McLean, Edwell, M. McRae, Stanley avenue.

Rev. T. B. Yeole and wife, Ladysmith, Mrs. M. King, Caledonia avenue.

Rev. W. A. Wylie, Kamloops, Mrs. Gill, 130 Catherine street.

Rev. Dr. McLaren, Toronto, T. M. Henderson, Rockland avenue.

Rev. E. W. Watson, Union Bay, Dominion hotel.

Rev. W. F. Gold, Negropole, —.

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## COLONIZATION IN QUEBEC.

Hon. Mr. Gouin, the new Premier of Quebec, has announced a progressive policy for his native Province in respect to educational facilities of an improved character, to agricultural development, and to the settlement of the waste places of that Province. The outline of his policy has been well received everywhere, and is commended by such staid Conservative journals as the Montreal Gazette. Dealing with the subject of colonization, the Montreal Herald portrays a characteristic of the French-Canadian, which will be familiar to every one knowing the conditions in what used to be called Lower Canada. We don't, however, remember ever seeing it as well done before. It accounts for the steady advance of the French-Canadian population not only in Quebec, but in other parts of the Dominion where it has taken root. The Herald says:

"As to the colonization, the situation in Quebec is somewhat peculiar. Unlike some other Canadians, who seem rather to prefer to leave home for the far-off West, the French-Canadian prefers to keep very closely in touch with the civilization he knows. He prefers to take the nearest farm he can get to the one on which he was born. In the Eastern townships, he has let the sons of the English-speaking farmer go off to the West to make a big fortune on a large wheat farm, and he has bought the old farm. The same process, exactly, is going on in Eastern Ontario, notably in Glengarry. And where there is not a farm to buy, of where he has not the means to buy it, he moves out into the wilderness indeed, but just over the outer rim of previous settlement. He moves up the river, and from the river bank settlement spreads back fold on fold. Such a process ought to be easy to facilitate, it is so natural, so reliable."

## MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

We are in receipt of the report of the Department of Militia and Defence for the year 1904. It is a small volume of 95 pages and is made up principally of the reports of the various branches of what is now a sort of hydra-headed administration. With the exception of incidental mention, which could scarcely be avoided, a stranger to Canadian affairs would not have dreamed that such a person as Lord Dundonald ever existed, notwithstanding that he was Commander-in-Chief for the major part of the year covered by the report. In this respect it can be truly said that it is more remarkable for what it omits than for what it contains.

We gather from the report in question some statistics regarding the strength of our Canadian forces. In the return showing the number of officers, N. C. officers, men and horses trained in the year 1904, in district camps we find the following statement, of what may be regarded as our effective militia force, not much of an army, it is true, but still a nucleus for organization. The number of officers, men and horses authorized is:

Officers ..... 3,262  
N. C. officers and men ..... 26,482  
Horses ..... 6,203

Of these 1808 officers, 19,347 men and 4,461 horses received training of 12 days or under. The untrained amounted to:

Officers, 1,454; N. C. officers and men, 7,135; and horses, 1,742.

There is another statement showing the number of officers, etc., trained at local headquarters. The total of the two is as follows:

Estab. Dist. Camp. Local Hdqrs. T'tl  
Officers ..... 3,262 1,698 4,900  
N. C. & men 26,482 15,177 41,659  
Horses ..... 6,203 1,207 7,410

Divided into trained and untrained the numbers are:

Trained 12  
days and under. Untrained. T'tl

Officers ..... 2,835 2,125 4,900  
N. C. & men 32,839 8,820 41,659  
Horses ..... 5,494 1,016 7,410

The strength of the permanent corps of active militia, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men at the end of the year 1904 was as follows:

Royal Canadian Dragoons ..... 90  
Royal Canadian Mounted Rifles ..... 55  
Royal Canadian Field Artillery ..... 168  
Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery ..... 167  
Royal Canadian Engineers ..... 16  
Royal Canadian Regiment ..... 352  
Canadian Army Service Corps ..... 3  
Permanent Army Medical Corps ..... 33  
Ordnance Store Corps ..... 75

The expenditure in behalf of military purposes increased from \$1,284,517 in 1893-94 to \$3,624,654 in 1899-1900, in consequence of the South African war, since when it has decreased to \$2,515,309 in 1902-3. Owing to the obligations which have been assumed by the Dominion in respect to defences we may expect to see this greatly increased hereafter.

The withdrawal of the resignation of M. Delcasse, France's great Foreign Minister, is regarded as a triumph for those who desire the Anglo-French friendly relations to continue. France will not be drawn into war on account of Russia, and will not back down in Morocco before the invincible Kaiser. He seems to be the only statesman France cannot do without in the Foreign Office.

May Day in Hungary was not a pleasant festival to think about.

No one knows the whereabouts of Admiral Togo but Togo himself, and he won't tell.

Premier Gouin was banqueted at Quebec the other evening. Among the 250 guests present we failed to see the name of the late Premier, Mr. S. N. Parent.

It has been suggested as one of the features of the 24th of May celebration that there should be a "Battle of Flowers" in connection with the procession. That would emphasize in an appropriate way one of the special features of Victoria. It is well worth considering.

Mr. W. A. Weir, of Argenteuil, has been elected Speaker of the Quebec Legislature. He is the first English-speaking member of the House to occupy that position, and it is taken, at the present time, as indication of the good terms upon which the two races live in that Province. This is Quebec's concession on account of the Separate School clauses of the Autonomy Bill.

The procession of the citizens of Spring Ridge to the council chamber on Monday evening to present their grievances seems like a revival of the old times when the people of England came to the bar of the House of Commons to present their petitions to that august body. This method of appeal came to be so tiresome to the Commons that in the reign of Charles II. an Act was passed limiting the number that might appear before the bar to twenty.

Archbishop Langevin, of St. Boniface, in a circular to the clergy of his archiepiscopate, bewails the fact that the educational clauses of the Autonomy Bill do not restore to the Catholics the position they held in the Northwest Territories in 1875, when the Territories were organized; and that there will be conservatism "the spoliation of our school rights" by the ordinance of 1892 and will sanction all ordinances up to 1901. We appreciate the difficulties of a statesman pleasing every one. What His Grace has to say, however, will help to propitiate those who are opposed to the bill as it stands. In that sense it will be a real help to Sir Wilfrid.

Lord Grey is an optimist as well as an ardent Imperialist. With regard to the future of Canada he has evidently a better opinion of Canada than have Canadians themselves. He is also a diplomatist. In an address the other day in Toronto he touched upon the burning issue of politics in the most delicate, yet suggestive, fashion. He said: "There are some subjects, however, upon which all men of all parties are agreed, and on which it is permitted for me to express an opinion, without running the risk of rousing a single dissentient voice, and one of them is the hope that the clash of creed shall never be heard in Canada, and the conviction that in the complete union between the two great races lies the secret and the strength of your future."

The Toronto Mail and Empire remarks that the consolation reserved for the Canadian taxpayers, who are paying so many millions for the Quebec bridge, is that it will have the longest central span of any bridge in the world, or 600 yards. This is something to be proud of, even if built as a political rather than as a commercial necessity. Even British Columbia can rejoice, though for a very considerable structure of its own over a navigable river for railway purposes it was refused aid from the Dominion Government, which is giving such a large sum to the Quebec structure. We are aware, of course, that the circumstances in the two cases are somewhat different. In the first place, the big bridge is in Quebec, and in the second place it was promoted by friends of the Government. In our case the bridge is built in British Columbia by the people for the people, without private interests to be served. However, it is something to say that Canada can make a record in bridge-building.

THE CZAR DESCRIBED AS FRIVOLOUS.

Hamilton Herald.

Ottawa accepted a gift of \$100,000 from Andrew Carnegie for the erection of a public library. The library building has been erected, and is said to be one of the handsomest structures in the city. Over the main entrance are the words, "Public Library."

It was decided to omit the name of Ottawa's benefactor. Just like Ottawa. It is not too proud to beg for alms, but it is too proud to acknowledge the alms.

THE AUTOMOBILE.

Brooklyn Eagle.

At a dinner given by the Congregational Club of Hartford, Conn., Prof. E. F. Steiner of Iowa College, who was the guest of honor, told the following story:

An Irishman married a Jewess, and their union was a happy one until the stork paid them a visit. The young son was to be a bone of contention, for the father with pride declared he would name him "Jesus." But while his mother was actually decided that he should be called Moses. The day was saved, however, by a Solomon in the person of a woman across the hall, for her suggestion was accepted by both parties. The boy was christened Patmos.

THE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

[The Editor does not hold himself responsible for views expressed by correspondents.]

THE MORTGAGE ON THE BRAIN.

Sir.—Mr. Vincent Harper in his communication to your paper yesterday, deprecates the views taken by some of the critics of his work, in that they have somewhat superciliously endeavored to estimate the personality of his characters with that of the author. In doing this, the critics are to be blamed, and Mr. Harper himself is not entirely free from self-consciousness in taking umbrage at their remarks. Both Mr. Harper and his critics are at fault in their appreciation of the child of his brain. A book is written for one of three purposes, or for all combined—to instruct, to amuse, or to entertain. The Mortgage on the Brain was written to amuse, and will probably serve its purpose to whatever class may read it. If it was written to instruct, Mr. Harper's personal views will probably account for its failure, and if it was written to incite interest, Mr. Harper's letter to your paper should have been added as an explanatory index. It is unfortunate that Mr. Harper should offer to answer the critics that have been made of him, but he has a superficial knowledge of religious and social questions by offering to debate them in a public theatre. It is rather a confession that the position of them by "Dr. Croft" in his latest work, requires either defense or amendment. In either event, Mr. Harper might find it necessary to write another book which would include a full account of the suggested debate.

SENUS.

THE SONGHEES RESERVE.

Sir.—On April 17 a committee of the Board of Trade acquainted the City Council with the provincial government's expressed willingness to consider a definite proposal in writing, at that time, looking to a settlement of the reserve question. I was told the matter was referred to the revenue committee.

Two weeks have passed and, as far as the public is aware, nothing has been done.

The point in which the intimation was received by the council was not propitious.

Aldermen Oddy and Hanna expressed the sentiment, if the Premier was prepared to consider a proposal from the council, why did not the council, themselves, assume the role of applicant as well as receiver?

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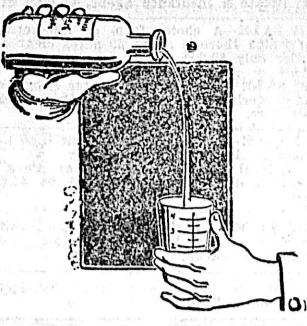
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Executive Pursuing Vigorous Policy in Advertising Victoria.

At the usual weekly meeting of the Tourist Association, at which were present Mayor Barnard, Ald. Oddy and Hannan, J. E. Wilson and A. Henderson, and the secretary, Herbert Cuthbert, an aggressive policy was outlined for prosecuting the work of advertising Victoria during the present season.

The secretary reported heavy demand for the new booklet just issued, "Impressions," he having already distributed 5000 in a general way and now handling a mailing list of 4000 additional. It was decided to instruct the Colonist to print another 10,000 copies of the "Outpost of Empire" series.

Letters were received from Hon. Senator Templeman and George Riley, M.P., expressing the view that the bill, as it stands, will be thoroughly dredged up early to enable the children to take part. Following is the programme:

Another Auto Garage—It is understood that the premises known as the old Methodist church, at the corner of Broad and Pandora streets, has been rented by two enterprising Victoria men who have recently come from the United States, who delights in motoring, and who propose establishing there a complete and well stocked auto garage—which by interpretation is nothing more or less than a livery and sale depot for the modern automatic vehicles. There will be half a dozen runabouts and cars in the equipment if present plans are carried out.

At the request of the association, Collector of Customs John Newbury forwarded a copy of the regulations governing the matter of admitting automobiles into the country to be held this evening, when some important business will come up for discussion—among the matters likely to be dealt with being the matter of reconstructing Rock bay bridge, final disposition of the estimates, and the proposed new agreement with the property owners interested in the construction of the Spring Ridge sewerage system.

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Cinderella Friday—The members and friends of Mrs. Lester's Juvenile class will be entertained at a fancy dress Cinderella on Friday from 6 to 10 p.m., the older folks dancing until later, in A. O. U. W. hall. The party will be complimentary to children except that they will be asked to provide refreshments. Tickets are to be sold to be held on Saturday, June 10th, at the same place.

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Waltz, two-step, waltz, lancers, three-step, waltz, two-step, step dancing, barn, waltz, skirt dance, two-step, singing lancers, waltz, Spanish dance, two-step, Scotch dance, barn, waltz, two-step, waltz; fancy dress will not be encouraged.

The usual batch of correspondence was dealt with and the meeting adjourned.

Carnegie Library—Building Inspector Northcott will at once call for tenders for the construction of a brick boundary and retaining wall surrounding the north and easterly boundaries of the Carnegie Library building. It is estimated that the cost of the work will be in the neighborhood of \$700. The building is in an unoccupied condition, as far as the contractor, George Snider, is concerned, it has not yet been taken over by the corporation and a considerable time will elapse before any more is made in the direction of providing interior equipment and the necessary books. The exterior cleaning-up process will in itself occupy a few weeks, as much debris is to be removed from adjacent lots. An effort will be made to have the building fully equipped and open to the public by the latter part of October.

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Anglican Synod—At a meeting of the executive of the Anglican Synod yesterday it was decided to hold the annual Synodical meeting during the first week of July.

Bathing Pavilion—Architect Thomas Hooper has submitted for the consideration of the executive of the Tourist Association a sketch plan of the proposed bathing pavilion to be erected at the cosy little bay at the foot of St. Lawrence street. No definite final decision has as yet been decided upon respecting the plans, which will be given full consideration before being finally adopted.

Another Bad Walk—A majority of the old board sidewalks in the James Bay district are in a bad state of disrepair and complaints are constantly being made of mishaps to pedestrians. Yesterday a lady passing along the western end of Queen street had the misfortune to tear a valise skirt, a protruding nail doing the damage. It is felt that something should be done by the city carpenter force to remedy this grievous state of affairs.

Electric Light Plant—Ald. Hall, chairman of the electric light committee of the city council, is desirous that the general public should fully understand that owing to the limitations of the present plant it is a matter of impossibility to put in further lights, no matter how great may be the necessity for them. At present the plant is taxed to its utmost and until the additions to the machinery contemplated have been made, the service cannot further be enlarged.

Assessor's Staff Busy—W. Northcott, city assessor and his assistant, Mr. Scowcroft, were busy as mailers yesterday preparing for the mail no fewer than 33,000 assessment notices, giving the rate for the present year. Much work is entailed in the operation of mailing all these notices, and the process of enveloping and stamping the large list is done in the most approved fashion—utilizing an ingenious stamping pad of Mr. Northcott's own invention.

The Pendray Proposal—Much interest has been aroused locally respecting the application of Messrs. Pendray & Co. for the lease of a portion of the Indian reserve on which to establish their paint and soap works, and some speculation

## SPORTING NEWS.

## LACROSSE.

School Match Postponed  
The first game in the school league which was to have taken place this afternoon has been postponed. The game was supposed to have been played between South Park and North Ward, but the school from the north end found it impossible to get a team together. The North Ward and Central schools are of the opinion that they will split the ball schools out before commencing the lacrosse league, claiming that if they had the lacrosse begin at once it would go hard against them, as they have as yet not done any practice. On the other hand, the South Park want to keep the schools as drawn up, which is practically the same that lacrosse should alternate. The Oak Bay Park Association would prefer that the present schedule should be carried on, for to begin to alter dates for lacrosse would mean the upsetting of nearly all the dates for the season at Oak Bay. A meeting of the committee of the amateur lacrosse league will be held in the hall next to the school on Friday to discuss the matter, when it is expected that some arrangements will be made which will prove satisfactory to all parties.

## The Junior League

The first game in the junior league will be played this evening at 6:30 o'clock sharp, when the opposing teams will be the Central Juniors and the Collegiate. This is expected to be a very interesting game and will be watched very closely, as it will mark the debut of the new lacrosse team from the Collegiate school. W. West has been appointed referee by the senior executive, and he will see that everybody plays lacrosse from start to finish. The teams will line up as follows:

Central—Goal, Redgrave; point, Keefe; center point, Patterson; 1st defence, McQuade; 2nd, MacLennan; 3rd, Defence, McKittrick; 2nd, Noct; 1st, Anderson; outside, Ross; inside, Grey; spare men, Rowbotham, Mathews and Jameson.

Collegiate—Goal, W. Edwards; point, McConnell; cover point, E. Todd; 1st defence, B. Clarke; 2nd, C. Briggs; 3rd, B. Thompson; centre, G.H.; 3rd, home, Bush; 2nd, MacQuade; 1st, Hall; outside, R. Lang; inside, Clarke.

## Meeting of Executive

A meeting of the executive committee was held at Oak Bay after practice last Monday evening, and the secretary was invited to write to Seattle, making arrangements for a game in this city on the 13th inst. This game has been arranged in order to give the local players a try out before they meet New Westminster on May 24. President Bolton reported that he had secured a list of players from different schools in the city, the total number being in the neighborhood. These players will all be supplied with a membership card, which entitles them to enter the grounds during any game under the Victoria Lacrosse Club, and any of them over 18 years of age will be entitled to vote at the meetings of the club. The membership tickets will be sold by the secretary, and the executive will get busy selling them in a few days. These tickets will give the holder entrance to the ground and grand stand at any game under the B. C. A. and voting power at the meetings. W. West was appointed referee for the junior and school leagues, with J. W. McConnell as alternate. A ground rule was fixed which makes the junior and school leagues play inside the cedar path. This is done in order to cut the size of the grounds down and also to prevent any one from falling on the track and injuring themselves. It was also decided that all entrance fees taken at the gate should go to the senior executive, after the percentage had been paid to the City Council. In regard to the local team importing "a lot of false alarms," as the Mainland papers have it, a despatch from Winnipeg states that Bert Hendren, who left on Saturday for Victoria, is the fastest centre man that has ever played in that city. Vancouver will be waiting with interest for the time that Victoria meets their team with the imported men they are crowding about.

## BASEBALL.

## Plans for the Season

Arrangements have been made by Manager Howlett and the Oak Bay Park Association whereby the baseballers are to get to work getting the diamond in shape for the season, and in great shape, for the time their work at practice, as up to this time it has been practically impossible for the men to do any field work. A squad of men will be put in this morning, and work will be rushed through with all despatch possible. Mr. Howlett last evening released catcher Steele. He is at present negotiating for another catcher, and when he is found, will be unable to say for sure if he will be able to land them or not. All of the team are in fine shape and are looking forward to their first game with great interest, as they realize that if they intend to stay in Victoria that they will have to "make good" on the first day.

The baseballers that are at present in Victoria are working good and whoever goes in the box on Tuesday next will be able to give a good account of themselves. Holmes is proving the surprise of the season. The way he is pitching at present is wonderful, and if he can stand the pace till the end of the season, he will not have to pitch ball for Victoria any more. By the way the team is batting anyone

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Manner of Dealings in Prize  
Courts of Japan.

China Files Protest Against Kill-  
ing of Her Couriers by Jap-  
anese Soldiers.

Steamer Pleiades, which arrived yesterday, brought news of protests being made by shipowners and underwriters regarding the very summary proceedings of the Japanese prize courts. It seems that the judges have compelled shipmasters to sign depositions in Japanese, of which they cannot read a word, and the attention of Sir Claude Macdonald, British minister to Japan, has been drawn to the fact that representatives of underwriters interested in the vessels seized have been refused a hearing.

Protests against the killing of Chinese couriers by Japanese soldiers are also being made by China to Japan. The Walupu (Chinese foreign office) has sent a despatch to the Japanese minister in Pekin, in which it is stated that Tseng Chi, Tartar general of Mukden, has reported the unwarlike killing of imperial Chinese couriers bearing important commercial despatches. The Japanese soldiers posted at certain barrier stations. To go into details, it is charged that on a certain date in March a member of the imperial courier post, named Chih Ch'uan, bearing important despatches from the board of war, on his way to Mukden was stopped and subsequently killed near the Barrier station of Laoplen, by Japanese soldiers, who also destroyed two despatches.

On the second occasion two members of the military patrol of Hsinmin-tun, bearing despatches from that city to Mukden, were on the road also killed by Japanese soldiers belonging to a Barrier station en route. The contention of the Walupu is that, whereas it is a universal law among nations, and also in Chinese law, not to kill bearers of despatches proceeding be-

tween two armies of nations at war with each other, all the more is to be deplored, and a matter for regret that bearers of despatches belonging to a neutral nation on errands having nothing to do with the belligerents should be thus unmercifully killed.

The Walupu, therefore, asks that the culprits who were guilty be severely punished for thus breaking a well-known law, and also that as a matter of pure justice, the families of the dead despatch-bearers be indemnified for the sad losses inflicted upon their bread-winners.

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## THE COLUMBIA.

The missionary steamer Columbia, which is in charge of Rev. Mr. Antle, will remain at the old customs house wharf until today, when she will leave for Ladysmith and Natalino, on her way to the North to engage in her work among the logging camps and settlements on the northeast coast of the island. The steamer will be on view and visitors will be made welcome. Any offering of provisions, books, or magazines for distribution in the coast camps would be thankfully received by those in charge.

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## OBITUARY.

Rev. D. McRae, of Victoria West, officiated yesterday afternoon at the funeral of the late Mrs. Anderson, which took place from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends and the following relatives as pallbearers: L. Dickenson, A. M. Ego, H. W. Richey, Joseph Wachter, G. Stokes and J. North.

The death occurred yesterday morning at the Jubilee hospital of Elizabeth Norton, the beloved wife of Mr. Hugo Cannell, after a brief illness. Deceased was a native of North Queensland, Australia, aged 22 years. She leaves a husband and mother, Mrs. M. Rudd, and four sisters, Mrs. M. Kelly, Miss A. M. Rudd, Miss D. A. Rudd, Miss M. H. Rudd; three brothers, J. H. Rudd, G. A. Rudd and P. A. Rudd. The funeral is arranged to take place this afternoon from the family residence, No. 4 Rock Bay avenue, at 2 o'clock.

## NAVIGATION OPEN.

First Vessel Now on Her Way Down the Yukon—Ice is Breaking.

In the old days of the Klondike boom the opening of navigation on the Yukon was widely heralded. Now it is of interest to fewer people. The river is again opening after winter loses the seal which holds it for half a year. The first craft to leave Whitehorse this season is a sloop in charge of Andy Mercereau, and it is now on the way up the river to this place loaded with freight. There are thousands of tons now at Whitehorse ready for shipment, and it is probable that the most of it will start within a week or so, as the river between here and Labarge is about to break up.

## WILL TRY AGAIN.

Russians Will Again Essay to Run Steamers Through Jap. Blockade.

The Russians are again to try to get cargoes of contraband to Vladivostok, according to reports from San Francisco. The ice has gone from La Perouse and other northern straits, and presumably the Muscovites think there is a chance to beat the blockade. The underwriters of a different opinion and the vessels chartered are being paid for by the charterers in advance. A San Francisco despatch says: "The steamship Montara and the Australis have, it is said, been chartered at this

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Pleiades in Port  
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Engineer of Str. Tacoma Tells of Trip Made by Himself and Companion.

More Blockade-Runners—Navigation Opening on the Yukon River.

Steamer Pleiades, of the Boston Towboat Company, which arrived yesterday to land 484 tons of local freight from the 3,884 tons of general merchandise below her hatches, brought as a passenger Mr. E. W. Raymond, who was chief engineer of the seized blockade-runner Tacoma. And the engineer crew had an assistant throughout the voyage.

Raymond was one of the two men who went from the Tacoma when the vessel was held by the ice, to carry a cable for despatch to the owners. He and the chief officer, Miller, volunteered to go to Funshara Island to seek a telegraph office. They left the Tacoma on February 24. They made their way over the ice fifteen miles to the shore, and were directed to a village twenty-five miles away. They tramped for three days over mountain paths before reaching the village, being without food or shelter.

When on the journey they were met by Japanese soldiers, who were suspicious of the foreigners, for every foreigner in Japan is now a Russian spy because he is proven not to be. The police took them to the village whence the cable was sent to the owners who told them of the predicament their vessel was in.

Japanese guides accompanied them back to the steamer, breaking a trail for them through the heavy snow. The men suffered considerably, snow falling heavily and a piercing wind adding to their discomfort. One of the Japanese guides had a narrow escape from being killed by snowslides.

And after all the discomforts and hardships of the arduous winter journey, the two men found that the steamer had been freed by the time they returned and had drifted clear of the ice. They were obliged to make the return journey to the village. They were on the island until March 1, when they were taken to Hakodate and thence to Yokohama. The first officer remained in Yokohama.

The Pleiades, which sailed from Manoa on March 25, was eighteen days in crossing the Pacific. She encountered stormy weather. On the 18th and 19th a snowstorm prevailed. The vessel called at Hongkong, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama, sailing from the last named port on April 14. Her cargo of 3,884 tons measurement, 20,723 packages, was made up as follows: Hemp, 7,765 bales; gunnies, 245 bales; cement, 1,500 barrels (all for Victoria); raw silk, 72 bales; opium, 12 cases (all for Victoria); rice, 2,490 bags (1,730 bags for Victoria); matting, 2,597 rolls; bamboo poles, 1,372 bales; 329 cases.

HIGHER STEERAGE RATES.

On the steamer Empress of China, which has just sailed outward, the revised and increased schedule of steerage rates became effective. The increase only affects traffic from this coast to the Orient. Rates from the other side to this coast are made as conditions over there justify. At present steerage passage from China and Japan to this coast runs from \$35 to \$45, according to ports of departure and destination. For some years past the fare from Vancouver to Japanese and Chinese ports for steerage passengers has been \$45. It costs \$51 to travel in this class by the Empress of China. All the companies operating trans-Pacific steamships are parties to the agreement, excepting the Great Northern, San Francisco liners, the C. P. R. and the Great Northern have struck a rate of \$51. The Boston Steamship company and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, operating slow vessels, are allowed to make a rate of \$43.50.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Sailor of Str. Edith Caught in Chain Locker—Narrowly Escapes Death.

One of the crew of the steam collier Edith, running between British Columbia and San Francisco, had a narrow escape from death when caught in the chain locker of the steamer off Point Reyes on April 4. The sailor, Carl Sundberg, was badly injured; that he was not killed is marvelous. He was straightening the chain in the locker when caught in the whirling coils. His body was badly bruised. He continued dancing while the chain swung as the steamer rolled, and he regards his escape from being crushed to death as wonderful.

FIRST SEALER HOME.

Eva Marie Reached Port Yesterday With Catch of 146 Sealskins.

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MARINE NOTES.

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D. G. S. Quadra brought back the two whistling buoys which were to have been placed on the coast, one in San Juan harbor, the other in Barkley Sound. The weather was too rough to permit of their being moored satisfactorily.

Captain T. Gunn has been appointed to the command of the steamer R. P. Ritter, running between this port and the Fraser river.

A. B. McNeill, the newly appointed secretary of the portage board, has been succeeded by E. Crow Baker. The new secretary has taken office in the premises occupied by Messrs. Kingham and Drury on Broad street. Mr. McNeill was formerly

on the board of the San Francisco despatcher.

The Russians are again to try to get

cargoes of contraband to Vladivostok, according to reports from San Francisco. The ice has gone from La Perouse and other northern straits, and presumably the Muscovites think there is a chance to beat the blockade.

The underwriters of a different opinion and the vessels chartered are being paid for by the charterers in advance.

A San Francisco despatch says: "The steamship Montara and the Australis have, it is said, been chartered at this

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port to carry contraband to Siberia. Both the Australia and the Montara are now in the harbor and will begin loading soon. Their exact destination is not given and it is understood will be kept secret. A Russian agent, included among the passengers of the Montara, will direct the captain where to go. It is said that the contraband will be landed far to the north of Vladivostok. In this way the Russians hope to outwit the Japanese cruisers blocking Vladivostok."

HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Sailor of Str. Edith Caught in Chain Locker—Narrowly Escapes Death.

One of the crew of the steam collier Edith, running between British Columbia and San Francisco, had a narrow escape from death when caught in the chain locker of the steamer off Point Reyes on April 4. The sailor, Carl Sundberg, was badly injured; that he was not killed is marvelous. He was straightening the chain in the locker when caught in the whirling coils. His body was badly bruised. He continued dancing while the chain swung as the steamer rolled, and he regards his escape from being crushed to death as wonderful.

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